



EPA Webinar

## CONNECTING MATERIALS & DISCARDS MANAGEMENT WITH CLIMATE

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**Date:** Monday May 7th

**Time:** 10:00-11:00am PDT

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The large amount of materials and waste Americans use and generate daily comes at a cost to our environment, health, and economy through their extraction, manufacturing, use, and disposal. The West Coast Climate and Materials Management Forum (the Forum) looks to reduce the waste and the environmental impacts generated from materials by learning how to use materials most sustainably and productively throughout their life cycle using an approach called materials management.

This webinar *Connecting Materials & Discards Management With Climate* provides an overview of materials management. During the webinar you will hear:

- A presentation of “Materials Management and Climate Change”, a scripted presentation developed by the Forum to help members communicate what materials management is and the connection between materials, wastes, and climate;
- How materials management relates to the more traditional view of discards management, and some of the advantages of the broader materials management perspective
- Opportunities and approaches beyond recycling governments can use to reduce waste and the environmental impacts of materials.

During the webinar, you will hear from two Forum members, David Allaway and Saskia Van Gendt.

**Saskia Van Gendt** works on sustainable materials management at the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency's Pacific Southwest Office. At the EPA Saskia has led projects on building material deconstruction and reuse, packaging, and zero waste. As a part of the EPA's Marine Debris Strategy, Saskia is leading efforts to reduce generation of single-use packaging and promote source reduction policies. She also works directly with cities to help them meet zero waste goals through greener procurement, zero waste contracting, reuse, and recycling. Saskia is inspired by the emerging trend of collaborative consumption – using technology and communities to more efficiently share products

**David Allaway** is a Policy Analyst in the Solid Waste Program of Oregon's Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). He coordinates DEQ's Waste Prevention Strategy and has contributed to several projects involving life-cycle analyses, including e-commerce packaging, water delivery systems, residential construction, end-of-life management of paint, community-scale recycling, and an economy-wide “carbon footprint” for all consumption in Oregon. David co-leads the Inventory Workgroup of the West Coast Forum on Climate and Materials Management and is a member of the Steering Committee of Wal-Mart's Packaging Sustainable Value Network. He has a B.A. in Physics from Carleton College (Minnesota).

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For more information on the **West Coast Climate and Materials Management Forum** please visit our website at: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/R10/ECOCOMM.NSF/climate+change/wccmmf>

This webinar is in preparation for the Forum's Annual Meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup>. If you would like more information about the Forum's Annual Meeting, contact Daniel Brody at [brody.daniel@epa.gov](mailto:brody.daniel@epa.gov).

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